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HA NOI PETROLEUM PRODUCTS STORAGE
THANH AM, NORTH VIETNAM
2103N 10553E

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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS THE EFFECTS OF A U.S.
AIR STRIKE ON THE HA NOI PETROLEUM PRODUCTS STORAGE
THANH AM.

2. LOCATION:

HA NOI PETROLEUM PRODUCTS STORAGE THANH AM IS LOCATED
JUST SOUTHWEST OF THANH AM AND 3.7 NM NORTHEAST OF HA
NOI.

3. COLLATERAL:

THE PETROLEUM FACILITIES OF NORTH VIETNAM ARE
LIMITED TO THOSE REQUIRED TO STORE AND DISTRIBUTE
REFINED PRODUCTS; THERE ARE NO OIL FIELDS OR REFINERIES
IN THE COUNTRY. ALL POL IS IMPORTED, WITH NINETY-FIVE
PERCENT ENTERING THE COUNTRY THROUGH THE PORT OF HAI
PHONG. THE MILITARY FORCES CONSUME ABOUT SIXTY PERCENT
OF THE TOTAL AVAILABLE SUPPLY; THE REMAINDER IS CONSUMED
PRINCIPALLY BY ROAD AND INLAND WATERWAY CARRIERS AND
HOUSEHOLD USES.

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THE STORAGE CAPACITY OF HA NOI PETROLEUM PRODUCTS STORAGE THANH AM IS REPORTED TO BE APPROXIMATELY 34,000 METRIC TONS OR ABOUT 10,000 US GALLONS.

4. STRIKE INFORMATION:

COLLATERAL REPORTS THAT SINCE THE BEGINNING OF JUNE 1966 MISSIONS HAVE BEEN DIRECTED AGAINST POL INSTALLATIONS IN NORTH VIETNAM. THIS ACTION CULMINATED ON 29 JUNE IN THE BOMBING OF TWO OF NORTH VIETNAM'S MAJOR FUEL INSTALLATIONS AT HAI PHONG AND HA NOI. THE TWO STORAGE AREAS HIT REPORTEDLY ACCOUNT FOR SIXTY PERCENT OF NORTH VIETNAM'S POL RESERVES, AND IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THEIR DESTRUCTION WOULD CUT STORES TO A SIX-WEEK SUPPLY.

HA NOI POL FACILITIES WERE STRUCK SUCCESSFULLY BY U.S. AIR FORCE AIRCRAFT. PILOT REPORTS INDICATED ALL BOMBS ON TARGET WITH HEAVY SMOKE AND FIRES IN THE TARGET AREA. INTENSE ANTIAIRCRAFT FIRE WAS ENCOUNTERED. ONE F-105 WAS LOST IN THE TARGET AREA.

ORDNANCE EXPENDED CONSISTED OF ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHT 750-POUND GENERAL PURPOSE BOMBS.

PHOTOGRAPHY OF [] REVEALED ALL STORAGE TANKS WITHIN THE INSTALLATION APPEARED TO BE ENGULFED

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IN SMOKE AND FLAMES. APPROXIMATELY FIFTY BOMB CRATERS WERE OBSERVED IN THE STORAGE/SUPPORT AREA IMMEDIATELY SOUTHEAST OF THE TANK YARD, WITH EIGHT BUILDINGS SEVERELY DAMAGED AND SEVENTEEN MODERATELY DAMAGED. AT LEAST FIVE BOXCARS ON THE RAIL SIDING SERVING THE AREA HAVE BEEN DESTROYED.

POOR QUALITY PHOTOGRAPHY OF [REDACTED] REVEALED TWENTY-FOUR TANKS DESTROYED, TEN DAMAGED, AND THREE APPARENTLY INTACT. QUALITY OF PHOTOGRAPHY PRECLUDED AN ACCURATE ASSESSMENT OF THE DEGREE OF DAMAGE.

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5. MISSION READOUT:

[REDACTED] REVEALS TWENTY-THREE POL TANKS DESTROYED, NINE DAMAGED AND FOUR BULLET TANKS POSSIBLY DAMAGED.

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1 DAMAGED TANK
POSSIBLE DAMAGED TANK

23 DESTROYED TANKS
9 DAMAGED TANKS
4 POSSIBLY DAMAGED BULLET TANKS

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